

### WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An apparatus for practicing musical instrument comprising:

a model music data input device which inputs model music data containing music score display data representing a music score to be displayed of a model music piece for practice and performance data representing a musical performance which coincides with said music score to be displayed;

a display device which displays said music score according to said music score display data, said display device further displaying a guidance for a user to input a performance of said model music piece for practice and displaying an evaluation of the performance by the user with respect to the displayed music score of said model music piece;

a performance data inputting device which inputs performance data representing user's manipulation for a musical performance;

a music score display controlling device which controls said display device to display said music score of said model music piece for practice according to said music score display data; and

a performance data takeout device which takes out said performance data representing said musical performance of said model music piece for practice which coincides with said music score to be displayed as reference data for practicing performance to be used for said performance input guidance for the user and/or said evaluation of the user's performance.

2. An apparatus for practicing musical instrument comprising:

a model music data input device which inputs model music data containing performance data representing a musical performance which coincides with a music score of a model music piece for practice, and performance data particularly prepared for playing back tones of said model music piece for practice;

a tone generator which plays back tones according to performance data supplied thereto;

a display device which displays a guidance for a user to input a performance of said model music piece for practice and displays an evaluation of the performance by the user with respect to the music score of said model music piece;

a performance data inputting device which inputs performance data representing user's manipulation for a musical performance;

a practice mode switching device which switches on and off a practice mode for

the apparatus; and

a performance data takeout device which, in case said practice mode is switched off by said practice mode switching device, takes out said performance data particularly prepared for playing back tones of said model music piece for practice to be supplied to said tone generator, and in case said practice mode is switched on by said practice mode switching device, takes out said performance data representing said musical performance which coincides with said music score of said model music piece for practice as reference data to be used for said performance input guidance for the user and/or said evaluation of the user's performance.

3. An apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein said model music data containing music score display data representing a music score to be displayed of said model music piece for practice; and said apparatus further comprising:

a music score display controlling device which controls said display device to display said music score of said model music piece for practice according to said music score display data.

4. A computer program containing program instructions executable by a computer for a user to practice musical instrument, said computer being connected to a display device, and said program causing said computer to execute:

a model music data input step of inputting model music data containing music score display data representing a music score to be displayed of a model music piece for practice and performance data representing a musical performance which coincides with said music score to be displayed;

a performance data input step of inputting performance data representing user's manipulation for a musical performance;

a music score display control step of controlling said display device to display said music score of said model music piece for practice according to said music score display data; and

a performance data takeout step of taking out said performance data representing said musical performance of said model music piece for practice which coincides with said music score to be displayed as reference data for practicing performance to be used for a performance input guidance for the user and/or an evaluation of the user's performance.

5. A computer program containing program instructions executable by a

computer for a user to practice musical instrument, said computer being connected to a tone generator and to a display device, and said program causing said computer to execute:

- a model music data input step of inputting model music data containing performance data representing a musical performance which coincides with a music score of a model music piece for practice, and performance data particularly prepared for playing back tones of said model music piece for practice;

- a performance data input step of inputting performance data representing user's manipulation for a musical performance;

- a practice mode switching step of switching on and off a practice mode for the apparatus; and

- a performance data takeout step of, in case said practice mode is switched off by said practice mode switching device, taking out said performance data particularly prepared for playing back tones of said model music piece for practice to be supplied to said tone generator, and in case said practice mode is switched on by said practice mode switching device, taking out said performance data representing said musical performance which coincides with said music score of said model music piece for practice as reference data to be supplied to said display device for a performance input guidance for the user and/or an evaluation of the user's performance.